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# Virtual Acquisition Planning for Industry (VAPI)

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The Knowledge Pyramid

UNDERSTANDING Intelligently comprehending and clearly interpreting through knowledge gained.

Knowledge

Being cognizant and familiar with a body of data and information.

Information

Accumulation and acquaintance with collected data.

Data

Facts, Reality, Truth

Knowledge is Power for Industry and Most Effective that Knowledge is Immediately Accessible!









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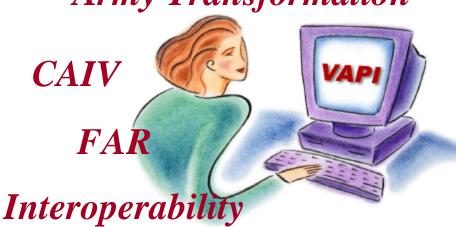
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#### What is VAPI?

- · A Powerful Knowledge Based Web Site Tool
- Functioning as a <u>Central Repository</u> of Official Data, Information and Knowledge.
- An <u>Enabler</u> for Industry to Enhance/Augment their Understanding of Gov't System Acquisition and Logistics
- A <u>Timely Source</u> of Tailored and Relevant Information
- Provides <u>Accessibility</u> to C4IEWS Future Business Opportunities

Affordability
DoD 5000
Unit Set Fielding

Army Transformation











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#### What Created the Need for VAPI?

- Continuous Systems, Acquisition & Logistics Policy & Directive Releases and Changes
- Rate of Technology Change
- Increasing Total Cost of Ownership
- Need for Awareness of Senior Leadership Focus Areas
- Feedback from Industry
- Tailored Site

VAPI is a Dynamic Tool Housing Essential Official Information Available to Industry to Enhance their Understanding of Gov't Ramts









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## What Makes VAPI Unique?





Organized to Enable Quick and Easy Access



A Source of Only "Officially Sanctioned" Information





Managed Information "Refreshment"











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#### Some Specific Characteristics of VAPI

- Home Page with Messages from VAPI's Sponsors – PEO IEWS & PEO C3T
- Broad Information Access Yet Focused to C4IEWS Systems
- Information Accessible Via
  - Functional Areas
  - Life Cycle Phases
  - · Alphabetical Index
  - Search Box
- Library of Policy, Regs, Directives, Law Pertinent to Systems Acquisition

- Reference Material Access
  - -Master Needs List
  - -Project Book
  - -Product Support Guide
  - -Other Official Documents
- Access to C4IEWS Interactive Business Opportunity Page (IBOP)
- News/Events
- Public URL Site



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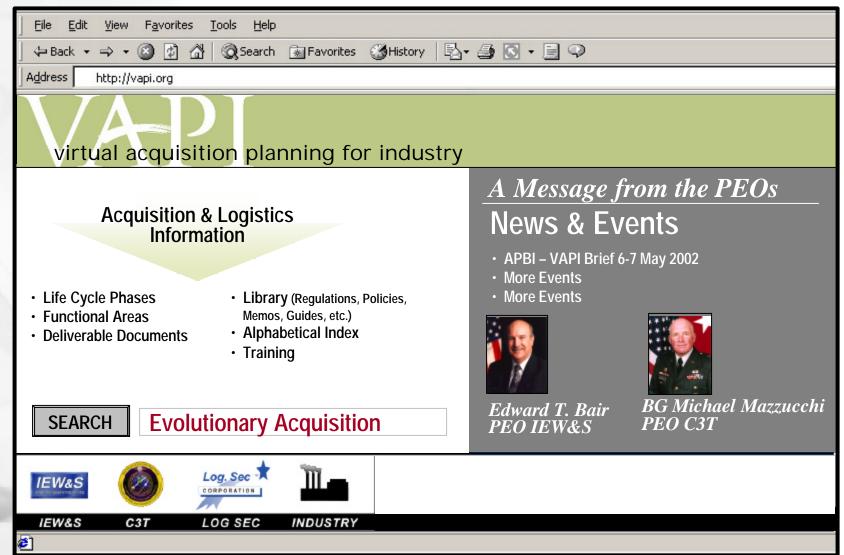
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### Demo



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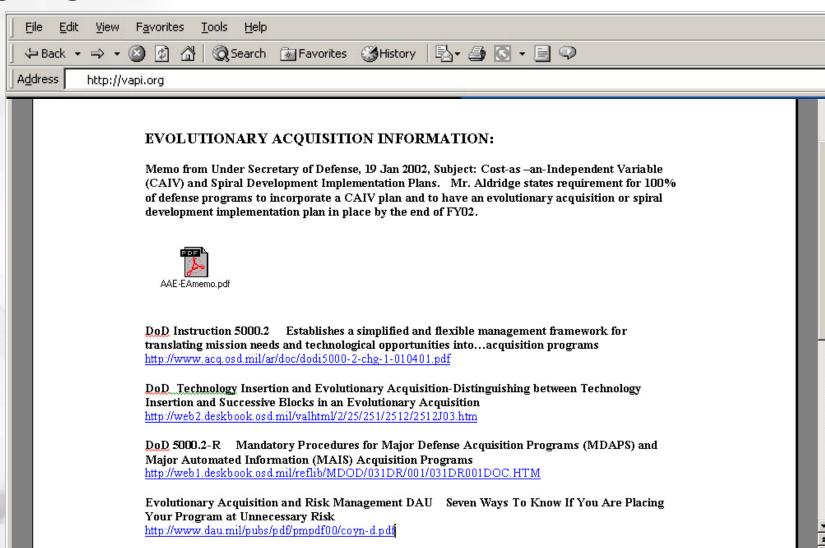
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#### THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

3010 DEFENSE PENTAGON WASHINGTON, DC 20301-3010

1 9 JAN 2002

MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE ATTN: ACQUISITION EXECUTIVE

SUBJECT: Cost-as-an-Independent Variable (CAIV) and Spiral Development Implementation Plans

As you know, I have established five goals for acquisition, technology and logistics to move us toward excellence. In order to guide and measure our progress toward accomplishing these goals, I have established a set of metrics, some of which I plan to report on to the Secretary of Defense.

Under my first goal, "Achieve credibility and effectiveness in the acquisition and logistics support process," I have approved a metric to require, by the end of FY02, 100% of defense programs to incorporate a cost-as-an-independent variable (CAIV) plan and to have an evolutionary acquisition or spiral development implementation plan in place. The two plans will be a discrete part of each ACAT I acquisition strategy and will be executed throughout the acquisition cycle and updated as necessary. Although I have asked for mandatory plans for evolutionary acquisition, I realize that there will be rare cases in which evolutionary acquisition is not the best acquisition strategy. In those cases, the plan should demonstrate why evolutionary acquisition is not appropriate and what alternative steps are being taken to reduce cycle time.

The Reduction in Total Ownership Cost (RTOC) working group, led by Dr. Spiros Pallas (PD, S&TS), will develop DoD templates as guidelines for the two plans by the end of March 2002. Use of these templates will be optional. They are intended as general guidelines to assist the process, but not to constrain it. Program Managers should immediately begin work on individual plans rather than wait for the optional templates. Please provide me with progress reports on March 1 and June 3, 2002, and submit the finished products to me by the end of September 2002.

We will adjust the DoD 5000 documents during the next update cycle to reflect this guidance. The DoD lead office is Strategic & Tactical Systems, with Dr. Pallas as POC. He can be reached on (703) 695-7417.

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### Benefits of VAPI

- <u>Reduction</u> of Industry Research Time
- Provides Continuously <u>Refreshed Source</u> of Official Information
- Proliferation of Current Relevant Info will Enhance Understanding
- One Site Hosting Official Info & Tailored to PEO IEWS & C3T System Acquisition Requirements
- Although Primarily Focused Site for Industry, will be Available for <u>Access by Gov't</u> as well

## Benefits of VAPI Create a "Win-Win" for Both Industry and Gov't .....

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Steps to Activation.....

Site Activation 30 July 02

Prototype Test 30 June 02

Contracted Log. Sec to Implement

PEO IEW&S & PEO C3T Partner

Concept Developed by Log. Sec

Recognized Industry Need

If You Build it and They Will Come!

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#### Future Vision for VAPI

#### We Will Build Upon Our Success -

- Expand Capabilities
- Links to Professional Organization
- On Line Industry Feedback
- · Ft. Monmouth Public Releases
- · "How To" Process Instructions
- Adoption Army Wide



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A VAPI Survey Will be Available at the Following Temporary Web Site:

http://peoiewswebinfo.monmouth.army.mil